

## BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## Air District's Carl Moyer grant program is offering more than \$16 million in grants to reduce air pollution from heavy duty engines

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District has opened the application period for year 19 of the Carl Moyer grant program, to reduce ozone-forming and toxic air emissions from older, heavy-polluting diesel engines.

Eligible equipment includes medium and heavy-duty trucks and buses, mobile agricultural and construction equipment, marine vessels, locomotives and school buses. New program changes include funding for school buses, transit buses, electric and alternative-fueled equipment, charging and fueling infrastructure, and larger funding amounts.

"Diesel exhaust is our most harmful air pollutant in the Bay Area and can cause immediate health effects in our most vulnerable communities," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "Replacing older diesel engines and equipment with cleaner technology can protect our neighborhoods and deliver much needed emissions reductions quickly and cost effectively."

The Carl Moyer Program is a state-wide effort in partnership with the California Air Resources Board, that is managed locally by the Air District. Funding is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to owners of eligible equipment or vehicles.

Funding is available for projects that:

- Install electric charging or fueling infrastructure in support of new zero- or near-zero emissions equipment
- Replace older engines with newer, cleaner engines or convert to zero-emissions power system
- Replace older equipment with newer, cleaner equipment

The Air District is currently accepting applications for projects throughout its nine-county San Francisco Bay Area jurisdiction and will prioritize projects that reduce emissions in communities that are significantly impacted by air pollution.

Air District staff are available to answer questions about the application process and grant requirements. For more information about the grant program or to start an application online, visit the Air District website at www.baaqmd.gov/moyer or call 415-749-4994.

The <u>Bay Area Air Quality Management District</u> is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

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